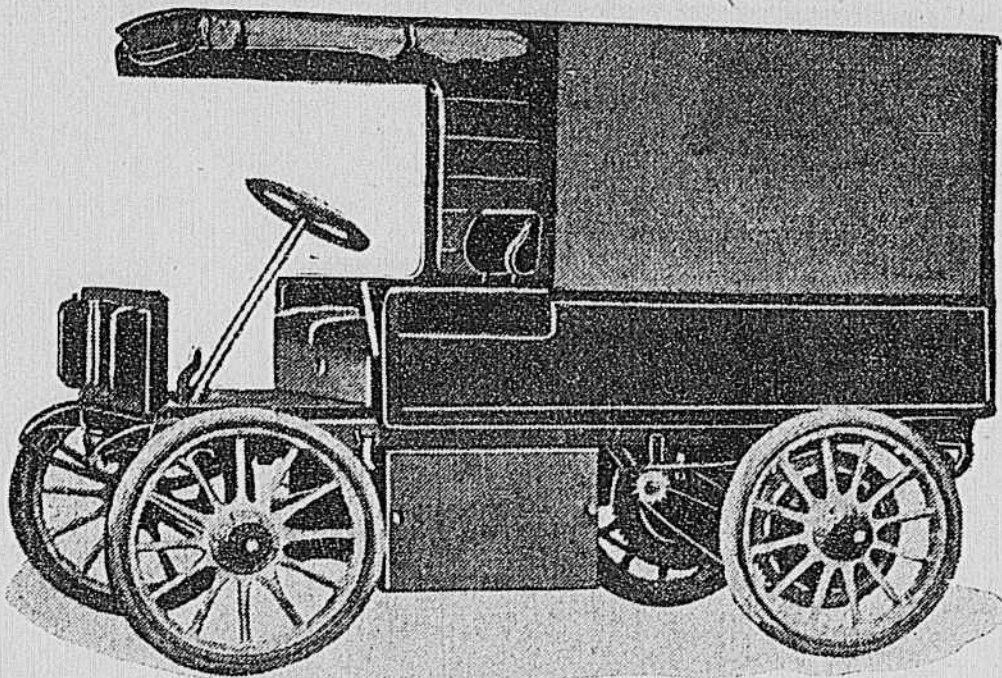


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MULES AND HORSES SOLD IN RICHMOND

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enormous expense. Because of this enviable reputation also the Southern buyers have learned that they can come to Richmond, place their wants in the hands of these people, rely implicitly upon their judgment, and do better for themselves than by visiting the breeding farms of Kentucky and other Western sections, and then they can always find here just what they want already carefully selected. Thus, they save money and increase their profits.

The auction sales are held at the Southern Stock Yards every Wednesday and Thursday, and the private sales are going on every day in the week, except Sunday, of course.

Stick a Pin Here.
When I was looking in upon this tremendous horse and mule business and making some figures on it the other day I asked President McClellan, of the company, how many Virginia bred animals he company handled. "All we can get," was his reply. He then told me that such of Virginia-bred mules and horses as they were able to get their hands on were as good and as salable as the Kentucky-bred stock, and he thought it a great pity that more of the Virginia farmers do not breed mules and horses, especially mules, for this Richmond market. I stuck a pin there.

It has been demonstrated within the last few years that Virginia can profitably grow alfalfa, timothy, herd-grass, clover and all of the grasses, and that it has thousands upon thousands of idle lands that can be made as good grazing grounds as any in the world, perhaps, and, as everybody knows, all of the stock-raising grains grow in Old Virginia to perfection. Everybody knows also that within the past ten years Virginians have been giving more attention to stock breeding, and not a man has tried it intelligently who has failed to make it exceedingly profitable.

Opening for New Virginia Industry.
Splendid success has attended the efforts of breeders of fine saddlers, hunters, carriage and buggy horses in Albemarle, Orange, Rockingham, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Prince Wil-

liam, Nelson, Shenandoah, Warren and some other counties, although the business has not been forced as it might have been and as it may be. It has been demonstrated, however, that as fine horses and as good sellers can be bred in Virginia as in Kentucky or anywhere else, and that there is good money in raising them.

Now the question arises: Why should not Virginia farmers breed and raise all of the mules and work horses that this Richmond and other Virginia markets can sell? They have all of the Southeastern States for a market. A few farmers in Fluvanna, Goochland and some other counties have been raising mules and horses as a business, and they have found it a very profitable business, but they have so far been going at it in a rather small way. Southwestern Virginia has done some very respectable stunts along this line, but the people down there, while they breed a few good horses, are engaged mostly in the beef cattle line. The horse-breeding and mule-raising industry promises great things for Virginia land owners, and the sooner they get at it with vigor and energy the better it will be. No lands in the country are better adapted to the grasses than those of this State, and these, with the grain, are the things that make the horses and mules.

SMALLER BREAKS OF LEAF TOBACCO

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business, and they say prices have kept stiff, especially for wrappers that are well packed and in good keeping order. The warehousemen look for much smaller breaks this week.

South Boston Tobacco Market.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
South Boston, Va., February 11.—The bulk of the tobacco offerings are of the dark and red color. Owing to the continued rainy weather during the latter part of the week the sales were rather small, although the sales were quite large the first part of the week.

Last week nearly 1,000,000 pounds of the weed was sold in two days. Wrappers are selling as high as \$50 in many cases. Prices continue high and quite satisfactory to the planters. The number of pounds sold on this market of the 1910 crop amount to nearly 14,000,000 pounds.

Lynchburg Tobacco Market.
Lynchburg, Va., February 11.—John D. Oglethorpe, of the Lynchburg Tobacco Warehouse Company (Inc.), makes the following report of tobacco sold on the Lynchburg market:

Sold week ending February 3, 1,942,000 pounds; sold week ending February 10, 500,000 pounds; decrease this week, 1,442,000 pounds; sold from September 1, 1910, to February 10, 1911, 9,067,000 pounds.

Receipts were very heavy the first part of the week, but owing to stormy weather sales were lighter the latter part.

All grades of tobacco were in good demand, and prices as a whole gave general satisfaction, the average price being slightly higher than last week, and also the highest of the season.

The market was firm at quotations below:
Lugs, common.....\$ 5.00 @ \$ 5.50
Lugs, good.....6.00 @ 7.00
Leaf, common.....5.00 @ 5.50
Leaf, medium.....5.50 @ 6.00
Leaf, good.....6.00 @ 6.50
Short, fine.....11.00 @ 11.50
Leaf, wrappers.....12.00 @ 12.50

Petersburg Tobacco Market.
Petersburg, Va., February 11.—Tobacco receipts this week were heavy, the sales exceeding 200,000 pounds, with a firm market and high prices, the sales for the season to date exceed the sales for the corresponding period of last year by \$60,000 pounds of more. There seems to be an increasing demand for all grades, and experienced observers of conditions do not look for any lower prices until the planters are able to raise larger crops. The prices have been so satisfactory this season, higher than in any other market in the State on fine dark grades, that the planters will doubtless endeavor to increase their crop this year. The present crop in this section is believed to be fully half delivered. Quotations:

Common lugs.....\$ 5.00 @ \$ 5.50
Good lugs.....6.00 @ 7.00
Leaf, common.....5.00 @ 5.50
Good shipping.....10.00 @ 11.00
Fine dark wrappers.....12.00 @ 12.50

Blackstone Tobacco Market.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Blackstone, Va., February 11.—Report of the tobacco market as given by T. E. Chambers, of Farmers' Warehouse:

Owing to the very bad weather this week receipts have been somewhat lighter, the town selling 200,000 pounds, and prices are well up on all grades.

There has been a fine season, which will bring in heavy sales next week. This season will take about three-fourths of the crop. There have been a great many fine wrappers on the market for the past week, which were taken at good prices. The following are quotations:

Lugs, common.....\$ 5.00 @ \$ 5.50
Lugs, good, with length.....7.00 @ 8.00
Short leaf.....5.00 @ 5.50
Shipping, medium.....8.50 @ 10.00
Shipping, fine.....10.00 @ 11.00
Wrappers, fine.....12.00 @ 13.00
Wrappers, fine.....14.00 @ 15.00

Danville Tobacco Report.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Danville, Va., February 11.—The sales of tobacco on the warehouse floors were much smaller this week than was anticipated, owing to excessive rainy weather and consequent bad roads. The sales will approximate only about 100,000 pounds for the week.

There is nothing new worthy of interest to be said of the market. The quality continues to be about an average of the crop, and prices are very firm under a uniformly strong demand from all the usual sources. Tobacco with color are particularly sought after at unusually stiff prices. Good, hand-made leaf tobacco being abundant in the crop, and the prices have ranged satisfactorily, and domestic manufacturers particularly are taking hold of them freely.

Redried tobaccos continue in active demand, with an average amount of business being done.

South Hill Tobacco Market.
South Hill, Va., February 11.—The sales of tobacco have not been so heavy this week owing to the bad weather. It has been raining nearly all the week, and it was impossible for the farmers to bring their tobacco to market. All grades sold this week will be the largest of the season, the weather having been ideal for the farmers to get out their tobacco, and they are now anxious to get the last year's crop off hand. The arrangements to handle the heavy breaks with promptness.

Farmville Tobacco Market.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Farmville, Va., February 11.—On account of the continued rain during the early and middle part of the week the breaks on the Farmville tobacco market were considerably lighter than before. About 6,000,000 pounds of the weed have been sold during the entire season up to now, and the prices have ranged satisfactorily. The number of pounds sold on this market of the 1910 crop amount to nearly 14,000,000 pounds.

Bedford City Tobacco Market.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Bedford City, Va., February 11.—Owing to the heavy condition of the roads, caused by the recent rains, the breaks this week at the two warehouses have been rather light, but the same high prices have been maintained. The general average this week has ranged between \$5 and \$9 per 100 pounds. The highest price so far was \$27 per 100 pounds for some of the fine dark leaf of Goose Creek valley, the centre of production for this grade.

Rocky Mount Tobacco Market.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Rocky Mount, N. C., February 11.—The crop of tobacco about here, sold now, and by March 1 it is thought that all of it will have been sold. The receipts are growing less each week, amounting to only 50,000 pounds this week. No improvement in the quality, but on the contrary the offerings as a rule are very undesirable. Prices continue high, however, and are very satisfactory to the seller.

VIEWS AND NEAR VIEWS

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consider, first, the actual conditions surrounding the exchange of commerce and the future development of trade between the United States and the other American countries; and second, the real opportunities and advantages which will be offered to Pan-American commerce by the Panama Canal and the steps which should now be taken by the business interests of the Americas to get ready for the canal and enable them to gain direct benefits following its opening.

Growth of Automobile Building.
Ten years ago there was only 3,500 motor-driven vehicles in the entire country, and the most of them were crude and unwieldy. Now there are 400,000 automobiles spitting the air through the land. Ten years ago there were perhaps not a half-dozen autos in Virginia. Now nearly 5,000 are licensed to traverse the roads of this State, and some of the best machines that are made are being built in Richmond.

In 1909 there were twenty-seven factories building autos. The production of any one of these factories did not exceed 200 cars. To-day we boast of more than 100 factories, some of which produce yearly from 15,000 to 25,000 complete cars. In 1909 there were 2,400 persons engaged in the building of cars. Since then this number has increased to 27,000. In ten years the capital of the automobile and accessory manufacturers has increased from about \$5,000,000 to \$150,000,000, half of which is in the factories alone.

Peanut Oil Mills for Virginia.

Announcement has been made within the past few weeks that an experiment of crushing peanuts with cotton-seed oil mill machinery at Magnolia, Miss., has resulted satisfactorily, and it is said that this experiment is likely to increase the interest in peanut-growing in parts of the South where the savages of the boll weevil are having a serious effect upon the cotton-seed oil industry. At a conference held only last week at Jackson, Miss., railroad men, mill managers and farmers agreed upon a concerted effort looking to the launching of the peanut oil industry. At this conference it was asserted that the peanut oil is superior to the cotton-seed oil, and that the cake left after the crushing is in good shape for stock feeding purposes and is very valuable as a feed. About a year ago or longer an effort was made under the auspices of the Board of Trade of Little Rock to encourage peanut growing in Arkansas. From time to time since then the subject has been brought to the front, and it begins to appear that the success of experiments in crushing peanuts for oil in cotton-seed oil mills may add another great industry to the South. In such an industry Virginia is in a position to lead off; take the lead and keep it. We already have the peanuts and can grow millions more. The nuts that will not bring fancy prices at the cleaning factories for eating purposes could be profitably crushed for the oil and the stock-feeding cake here is a chance for Suffolk, Petersburg or Waverly to start a new industry this year. Let us hope to see a peanut oil mill in one or all of these or two towns before next Christmas.

Minor Near Views.
It is strange that the demands for mutton and wool are increasing and sheep-raising is not now receiving increased attention. Can it be that our farmers and stockmen have not seen the advantages of sheep-raising? Thus walls an exchange. Whenever the Legislature of Virginia can be persuaded to make laws that will curtail the cur dog industry in this State the Virginia farmers and stock raisers will very quickly show that they know all about the advantages of sheep-raising.

In a drop of the mercury of 61 degrees in twelve hours in Oklahoma is some change in weather, and the reading about it is useful in that it reminds one that Old Virginia has the best climate in the world. Here it is neither too hot nor too cold, and the gentle breezes always come at the right time.

Greenhorns and Guilford county had a visit last week from a carload of Baltimore and New York capitalists who are looking around with a view of investing in industrial sites, etc., and Greenhorns just outdid its own self in entertaining these sensible men and showing them the advantages of that part of the Old North State.

It begins to look as if the barrel factories in the fruit-growing regions of Virginia will have to give their attention to box-making, box-packing of all kinds of fruit having become all the go.

The deed tax on the value of real estate sold or mortgaged must go. So Virginia land owners are saying to aspirants for the next Legislature.

Virginia probably has as many good things to boast of as any State or country in the world, but then it has some things its people and law-makers ought to be heartily ashamed of, and one is that ad valorem tax on deeds to land and mortgages on the same.

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